Gov't doesn't regret sending troops to Iraq

By TJ Burgonio

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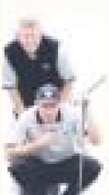
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Archers ...



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Garment firm gave workers nausea pills to stay awake

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King of the Road gets boost

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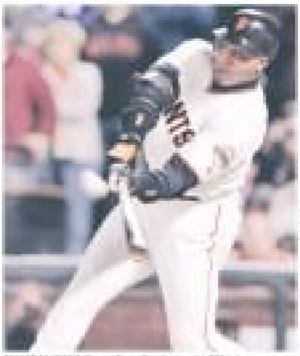
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Now, it's Miriam vs giant billboards

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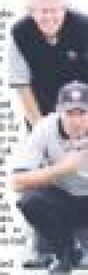


Bonds smacks 700th home run, enters major league's elite circle



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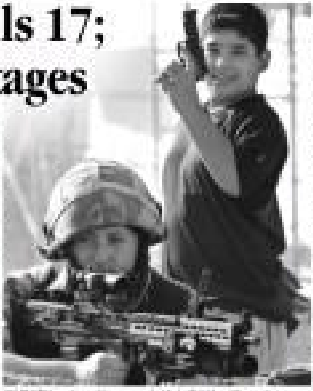
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The WORLD

Iraq suicide bombing kills 17; rebs threaten to kill hostages



Turkey-EU ties in peril over issue of adultery

Kerry launches frontal assault on Cheney/Halliburton



An alien in the morning, a US citizen 3 hours later

By Giles Hewitt

PROBE BREAKTHROUGH

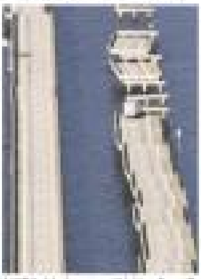
Jakarta arrests 4 over embassy bombing



ONE OF the suspects of the bombing of the Australian Embassy identified by his initials A.A.H.

Powell tells UN chief war in Iraq 'was necessary'

Florida, Alabama clean up after battering from 'Ivan'

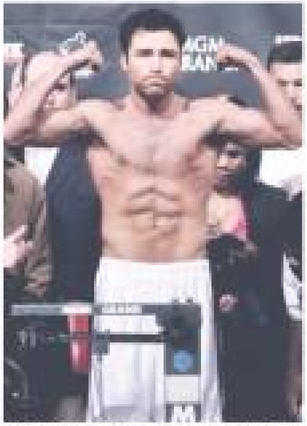




Singapore hit by disease more deadly than SARS

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Hoya vs Hopkins: Everything at stake

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Saved, not enslaved

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My favorite fat cat in government

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Public Lives



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Beyond salvation

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TALK *of the* TOWN

UP 11 plan: Can it keep RP afloat? (4)

ECONOMISTS from the University of the Philippines and groups like the Freedom from Debt Coalition, Focus on Global South, Fair Trade Alliance and Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan) agree that the country is in fiscal crisis.

But they differ on the causes of the crisis and the solutions that they offer to head off an economic collapse.

Eleven professors at the UP School of Economics (UPSE) have attributed the widening public sector deficit and rising debt in large part to the falling revenue and tax efforts and to the huge losses of government corporations, particularly the National Power Corp.

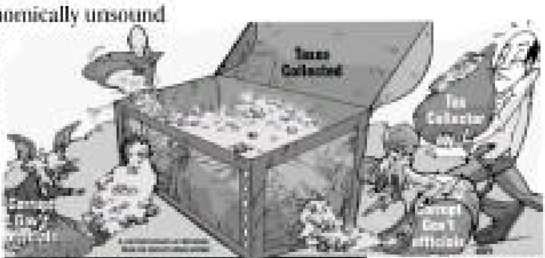
They are urging the government to adopt revenue and cost-cutting measures such as imposing an additional tax of P2 per liter on petroleum products, raising government fees, cutting the pork barrel of legislators, pegging taxes on tobacco and alcohol to inflation and downsizing the bureaucracy.

But the Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC), Focus on Global South (FGS) and Fair Trade Alliance (FTA) point out that the solution offered by the UP economists is inadequate because it ignores unilateral trade liberalization, smuggling and debt relief.

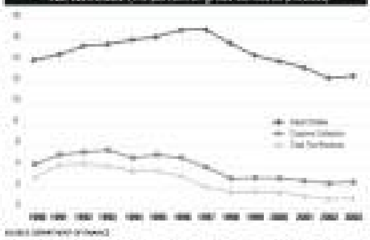
Now come six Ph.D. students defending their mentors at the UPSE. They claim that criticisms of their professors' report are biased and economically unsound. Bayan, for its part, says that for the proposed solutions to succeed they must address the issue of social justice.

In the end, one's views depend on the theoretical framework (whether neoliberalism or not) he or she uses to explain why the country's economy is in bad shape and what can be done to fix it. But the success of any proposed solution hinges on political will and popular support.

The Bello, et al. critique: Biased and economically unsound



Tax Revenue (As percent of gross domestic product)



'A solution must first of all be socially just'

By Dr. Carol Pagaduan-Araullo

Across the NATION

26 drug gangs operate in C. Visayas

By Johnny R. Bulanan
PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—At least 26 illegal drug syndicates are operating in Central Visayas, according to the latest intelligence report of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

Hopes high Mindanaoan to win business award



DEVOTION

Appeals court says SEC may interfere in Baguio Country Club elections

Hostage-taker killed, 3 hurt in Cadiz City

INQUIRER Mindanao

Bayang's liberation and journey to peace



BAYANG in a showbusiness pose.

Battered wife, battered child

Tale of 2 women

Contemporary meaning



BAYANG in her earlier performances.

Songs of death, life

Vital messages

Hope for RP springs eternal for ageless Jesuit



FATHER Tritz with Eskwela board members Augusto de Leon, Prof. Teofilo Mejia and Susan Belt, and school administrator Wilhelmina Martinez

Filipino citizen

On and on

Advocates say lethal injection not so painless

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Constitution's Eighth Amendment, which prohibits "cruel and unusual punishments inflicted."

Excruciating pain

Attorneys in at least a dozen of the 37 states that use lethal injection have filed lawsuits seeking to ban the procedure, which they say puts inmates through excruciating pain because the anesthetic wears off before the two other drugs are injected.

Prosecutors and victims rights advocates call the lawsuits "the appeal du jour."

"It is clear that no method would be acceptable to those who oppose capital punishment in principle," said Pete Adams, executive director of the Louisiana District Attorney's Association.



LETHAL injection bed: Not as painless as conceived. AP

"It should be remembered that anti-death penalty advocates see their cause as a long-term campaign to be waged on many fronts."

The most recent anti-death penalty action was brought in civil court in Kentucky. Earlier this year, New Jersey stopped lethal injections after an appeals court found insufficient medical knowledge to support the procedure.

The Kentucky case involves two convicted murderers, Thomas Clyde Bowling and Ralph Baze. Their lawyers argue that Bowling and Baze "will ... be tortured to death" if the state executes them by lethal injection.

A lethal injection is comprised of an anesthetic, a paralytic drug and potassium chloride, which causes cardiac arrest.

Pennsylvania state Representative Gayle Leach has proposed eliminating the paralytic drug from that state's lethal injection. But using it may show whether inmates are unconscious when receiving potassium chloride or if they are awake and just unable to speak, Leach said. Someone squirming and screaming in pain as the lethal dose is administered would be enough to prompt states to refine the procedure, he said.

Paralyzed

"It seems to me that the only reason we are using it is to protect the aesthetic sensibilities of the witnesses to the execution," Leach said.

Carol Weihrer of Reston, Virginia, testified before the Pennsylvania lawmakers about how the anesthesia she was given for eye surgery didn't work, but the drug she was given to paralyze her did—meaning she couldn't alert her doctors that she was awake. She felt no pain from the cutting, because the painkilling portion was effective, but the tremendous pressure exerted to remove the eye was painful in its own way.

"I looked pretty boring," Weihrer said about a video of her surgery. "It was quite painful."

Death penalty proponents say they don't believe inmates feel pain during a lethal injection.

"Science does not support the theories," said Dianne Clements, president of Justice For All, a Houston, Texas-based victim's rights group.

Wayne Uber, the director of the North Carolina Victim Assistance Network, said the only pain prisoners may feel is temporary discomfort when the needle is inserted.

Humane

"Lethal injections, as they are currently performed in the United States, represent the most humanely possible means of executing a condemned murderer," Uber said.

Anesthesiologists and activists do not agree whether the initial anesthetic keeps an inmate unconscious throughout an execution.

Texas state Senator Kyle Janek, an anesthesiologist, said the amount of anesthesia given in lethal injections is 10 times more than the dosage given to a patient going into surgery. That dose basically guarantees the inmate is not awake as the other drugs are administered, Janek said in written testimony to a Pennsylvania legislative committee considering Leach's proposal.

But Columbia University anesthesiologist Mark Heath said the paralyzing drug makes it impossible to know if the condemned inmate is feeling pain.

No guarantee

"There is no mechanism of certainty on how much anesthesia to give an inmate and no way to guarantee the condemned inmate stays unconscious throughout the procedure," said Heath, who testified with Weihrer before the Pennsylvania legislative committee.

In Kentucky, lethal injections will continue unless state proof of a problem arises, said a spokesperson for the state attorney general's office.

"The court should not prevent the implementation of the sentence imposed by the judge and jury," Olson said. AP

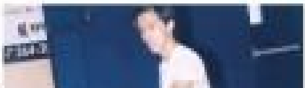
‘Bored’ Wind Blown coming back



August race sales hits record ₱5.6M

RACING TIPS

First British Cup today at Sta. Ana



Revtex Rocket favored in Camel Supercross

Eagle Ridge Invt’l field vies for 3 division titles

SPORTSWATCH

Samsung’s Fistorama on TV

Big Dome’s busy sports schedule

Jungolf school season blasts off

Galang heads Blitz winners



GDAP to honor 3 jungolf champions

QC folk welcome cleanup

By Tina G. Santos

RESIDENTS of an urban poor community in Quezon City could finally heave a sigh of relief after city officials cleaned a waterway that has caused "flashfloods" in the community.

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COASTAL DRIVE

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Noli wants Islamic courts in NCR

By Philip C. Tubeza

VICE PRESIDENT Noli De Castro has asked Congress and the Supreme Court to establish a shari'a court in Metro Manila to address the legal problems of Muslims in the capital and nearby provinces.

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2 Manila Jail inmates die within 24 hours

By Leila B. Salaverria

TWO INMATES of the Manila City Jail died [illegible]

Teeners accuse village chair of shooting them

By Leila B. Salaverria

TWO TEENERS yesterday accused a barangay chair [illegible]

METRO

The rainbow comes to earth as PUP begins celebrating its 100 years

By Leila B. Salaverria

Man in wheelchair goes the distance



Undisputed champion

Also a craftsman

Discovering self esteem

Anticipated 'wheels'

Gas-saving device gets Taiwan nod



RETURN OF TONDO ICON

Law catches up with errant CIDG cop

By Tina G. Santos

Rizal Medical Center loses needed hands

By Luige A. del Puerto

Wrong job

Looking to payday

Sunday **Biz**

Tupperware parties turned him into a finance whiz

FIRST JOB







Ten percent commission

More odd jobs

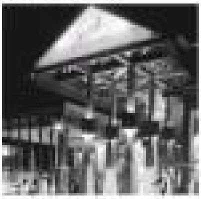
Hold that ticket

BROTHERS' ACT

Asian concepts land in RP







Pre-paid calling cards available via Internet for Pinoys abroad

Tupperware parties turned . . .



Skin whitening battle: Green or yellow papaya?



TRAJANO

Agri office turns grounds into farmers' paradise



THROUGH organic farming, high value crops such as this cabbage thrive in the hot Batangas climate.

Bootcamp to address rigors of competition

Linking TQM with profitability

Internet firm goes on its own magical mystery tour

By Frank Cimatu



When the storm came, they built an ark to survive







BEAUTY-QUEEN maker Peter Sereno and Miss Universe 2004 Jennifer Hawkins upon the latter's triumphant return to Australia this month

Miss Universe's mentor is a Pinoy

By Alex Y. Vergara

Miss Australia Jennifer Hawkins has Fil-Aussie Peter Sereno partly to thank for ending her country's 22-year title drought

SO the Philippines has yet to produce another Miss Universe since Margie Moran won the title in 1973. But beauty contest buffs should take heart, as Australia was also in the same boat until Jennifer Hawkins brought honor to the country this June.

Prior to her victory, the last Australian to wear the Miss Universe crown was Kerrie-Anne Wells in 1972. Australians have partly to thank Filipino-Australian Peter Sereno for ending the 22-year title drought.

After Hawkins won the local pageant, Australian contest organizers went to Sereno for help. As a stylist and former talent manager, he has had plenty of training in honing wannabes into becoming recognizable fashion and media celebrities Down Under. Having worked as a PR practitioner, he's also media-savvy enough to know what works and what doesn't for his protégés.

Passion for beauty tilts

But perhaps Sereno's best qualification is his passion for beauty contests, especially the Miss Universe tilt, which he watches and analyzes without fail. Before working with Hawkins, he also helped train her predecessor, Ashlea Talbot.

"We're a weird bunch," says Sereno via e-mail. "But I'm a living testament that being an [beauty] 'expert' in this field can pay off."

A native of Davao City, Sereno, 26, was barely 11 when he migrated with his family to Australia in 1989. Inspired by gowns he saw in countless beauty pageants while growing up, he later trained as a designer. It's in styling, however, that he has found his true calling.

"Fashion design isn't something I want to pursue at this stage in my life," says Sereno, who's now based in Sydney and works for Escada. "[But] the skills I have learned I am able to apply in the area of styling and determining what, how and when to wear [a particular look] during competitions."

In fact, Sereno was already into styling without him knowing it and even before such a profession had acquired a name. Friends at school would come to him to seek advice about their prom outfits. Debutantes would also run to him for fashion and styling tips for their big night. It didn't take long for word to get around of his ability and willingness to do free makeovers.

"Before I knew it," he says, "I was already conducting a backyard operation in runway training! I'm a true believer that knowing how to carry yourself can make a big difference in the way people look and interact with you."

Fresh and natural

Which pretty much applies to Hawkins, a former cheerleader and dancer, who, less than a few weeks before flying to Quito, Ecuador (the contest venue), knew next to nothing about the intricacies surrounding the world's most prestigious beauty pageant.

Not even the organizers, says Sereno, believed in Hawkins initially. While "delegates" from such countries as India, Colombia and Venezuela trained for at least a year prior to the contest, Hawkins was all set to fly to Quito on her own. That was until someone thought of hooking her up with the Fil-Aussie Pygmalion.

"When I first saw her," he recalls, "I thought she had a chance to land in the semifinals on her appearance alone. After all, she's beautiful. But for her to win the contest was beyond anyone's wildest dreams."

Hawkins may be a tyro compared to some of her rivals, but Sereno believed her dancing background would help her stand out in the runway. Instead of making her rehearse motherhood statements of the "world peace" and "Mother Teresa is my idol" variety, he turned such inexperience in handling interviews to her advantage.

Such a strategy of playing up his ward's "fresh and natural" side included freeing her of techniques that would only hinder her from presenting her true self. The game plan extended to her "amateurish" catwalk technique and "unrehearsed" answers.

"While other delegates spoke like they were already running the UN trail," says Sereno, "we made sure Jennifer sounded fresh. It's amazing how much work it takes to sound unrehearsed! In the end, our strategy of making her stand out worked."

Indeed, it did. They were happy enough to see Hawkins end up in the magic 12, but she exceeded everybody's expectations, perhaps including hers, by landing on top. In fact, her "spontaneous" demeanor started way too early, if unwittingly, in the contest.

On the eve of Hawkins' departure for Quito, Sereno and the beauty queen's designer were still recording "test" questions and answers for her to listen to during her flight (so much for in-flight entertainment!). The three spent the earlier part of the day doing last-minute coaching and styling, and planned to assemble her key wardrobe the next day since her flight wasn't until 9 p.m.—or so they thought.

Imagine their surprise when a fran-

MISS C2

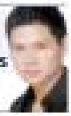






Amazing fashion, baritone, race and Oprah

T'N'T TRENDS & TRENDINGS







Miss Universe's mentor is a Pinoy



Fine marquise jewelry





Sunday LIFESTYLE Travel



Beauty and bliss in Bremerton



Beauty and bliss in Bremerton

One of the most livable cities in America mesmerizes with the glow it casts on the mountains, the trees and the water









TravelBriefs



FAMILY, friends and colleagues eagerly snap up copies of the book "Helping Our Children Do Well in School."

A new book by Queena N. Lee-Chua and Ma. Isabel Sison-Dionisio says kids who do well in school are the result not of tutors but of loving, responsible parents

Knowledge begins at home



QUEENA N. Lee-Chua



MA. Isabel Sison-Dionisio signing copies of the book

Crucial role

Authentic parenting

Tips and strategies





THE NOKIA 7280. Weight: 84g; length: 115mm; width: 32mm; thickness: 19mm



THE NOKIA design team: Alastair Curtis, Tanja Fisher and Grace Boloni

Mobile patrol in Shanghai



NOKIA 7270. Weight: 120g; length: 88mm; thickness: 22mm, with available talk time of up to four hours



FRANK Nuovo is responsible for the development of Nokia design

By Belle N. Baculao

IT WAS an awesome display of skills and ingenuity, as cellular phone designers of different nationalities interpreted "objects of desire" through a fashion event.

The spectacle "Totally Fashion. Design, Beauty and Decadence" was the build-up for the recent unveiling of Nokia's Latest Fashion Collection at the West Hall One of the Shanghai Exhibition Center in China.

In a fashion spectacle in Shanghai, Nokia unveiled its new mobile phones designed to 'seduce' young, stylish consumers

Design concept

Fashion collection



NOKIA 7260. Weight: 92g; length: 105mm; width: 45mm; thickness: 18mm, with talk time of up to three hours

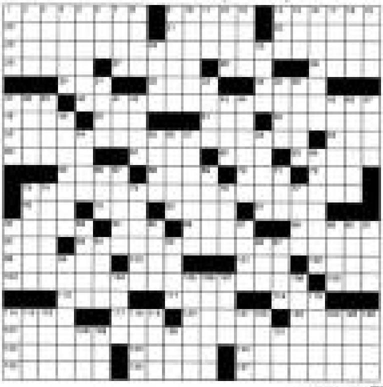
Flamboyant

Sleek and sexy

E-mail the author at: bbaculao@inquirer.com.ph

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo TICK TALK



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Finally, a list that celebrates my spunk!



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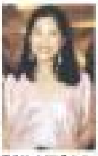
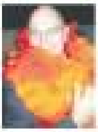
Fashionably chic

Glam show-biz nights





Mega magazine has included me on its most recent 10 Most Stylish Women list. Thank heavens, as I was close to resorting to bribery if I had not been chosen

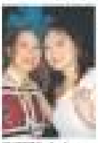

















THE COUPLE'S parents with [illegible]



THE BRIDE with bridesmaids [illegible]

A moonlit night proposal

Without friends to stoke the fire of attraction, the trip to the altar might have taken longer for Dongie Alviar and Jennifer Ejercito

[illegible]



WITH PRINCIPAL sponsors [illegible]



THE BRIDE with her dad, Jose Ejercito



WITH THE BRIDE'S [illegible]



WITH THE GROOM'S [illegible]

A wedding fair in Angeles

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EDSA Shangri-La's "Wedding Celebration 2005" ribbon-cutting ceremony [illegible]